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EP 0504637 A was cited as an "X" reference against claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 and as a "Y" reference against claims 3-6 in the European Search for EP 02257883. Claims 2, 3, and 8 were cancelled from the final claim set for the instant application. Claim 1 requires "an oscillation circuit configured to receive a voltage input signal resulting from the charging and discharging of the electrochemical cell ..." In contrast, in EP 0504637 A the oscillation circuit is configured to provide a voltage signal to the electrochemical cell. See the last paragraph on page 2 of CA 2,063,489, which is an English language equivalent of EP 0504637 A, and note oscillator 1 in the figure.

WO 99/32881 A was cited as a "Y" reference against claims 3-6 in the European Search Report for EP 02257883. As noted above claim 3 was cancelled from the final claim set in the instant application. Claims 4-6 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, thus since EP 0504637 A was also cited as a "Y" reference against claims 3-6 WO 99/32881 A was apparently intended to be used as a supporting reference with EP 0504637 A against claims 3-6. WO 99/32881 discloses applying an AC voltage to the biosensor, and thus presumably discloses an oscillator. However, as with EP 0504637 this oscillator is configured to provide a voltage signal to the biosensor, not to receive a voltage signal from the electrochemical cell.

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